

# Watershed Management Perspectives

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# Watersheds Are:

- Hydrological and physical
- Ecological
- Economic
- Institutional / political
- BUT REALLY

◆ **A State of Mind**

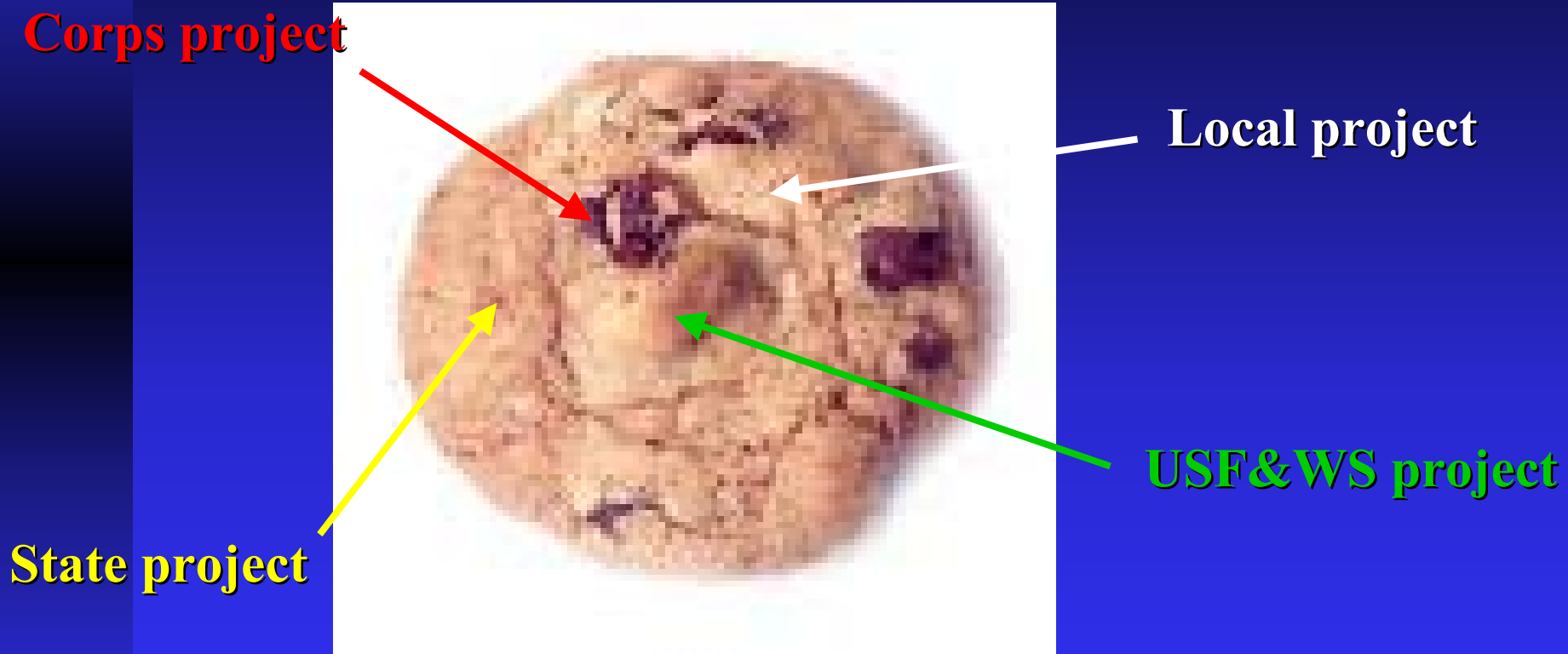
# Watershed Mindset

- Systems approach to look broadly at problems and opportunities
  - ◆ Geographic
  - ◆ Water related issues
  - ◆ Institutional players
- Collaboration
  - ◆ Greater than sum of parts

# Without Watershed Mindset

- Continue to promote narrow, single focus actions
- Geographically limited
- Unsustainable both ecologically and economically
- Fosters disputes
- Nothing happens

# The Dough Holds It Together



# Where to go?

- Corps still moving to embrace watershed mindset
  - ◆ In planning
  - ◆ In stewardship
- Budget constraints are real
- Need to convince sponsors this mindset pays off
- Bring new and different partners to the table